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**Indiana Main Street Honors the City of Bedford with *2011 Best Historic Rehabilitation Project with Community Impact Award***

ARCADIA, IN- Yesterday, Indiana Main Street honored the City of Bedford and Bedford Revitalization, Inc. with the 2011 Indiana Main Street Best Historic Rehabilitation with Community Impact Award for the William T. Wiley House restoration project. The award was presented during the statewide Indiana Main Street Conference, held at Alice's Restaurant in Arcadia, Indiana. The Indiana Main Street Program is managed by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

"Congratulations to the City of Bedford and Bedford Revitalization, Inc. on this well-deserved award," said Lt. Governor Skillman, who oversees OCRA. These downtown revitalization efforts are helping promote economic activity in their community."

Bedford Revitalization, Inc (BRI) spearheaded the preservation and revitalization of this cultural landmark, which was the childhood home of William T. Wiley, a world-renowned painter and sculptor. BRI received a \$25,000 Efroymsen Fund Grant through Historic Landmarks to relocate the 1925 bungalow from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to J Street and Bedford Revitalization, Inc. along with a team of dedicated volunteers completed an extensive renovation of the building through fundraising efforts. As well as serving as a historic and cultural landmark to the community, the Lawrence County Art Association will located in the building and house an art gallery as well as a place to give art lessons.

Indiana Main Street was established to provide economic revitalization and professional assistance to participating communities. Indiana Main Street encourages the revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns.

For more information about Indiana Main Street, please visit [www.ocra.in.gov/mainstreet](http://www.ocra.in.gov/mainstreet).

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